

RESOLUTION

IN RE: REFERRAL OF RURAL ZONING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2005, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution stating its intention to revise the AR-1 and AR-2 zoning districts, to remap those districts, to adopt new optional RR-1 and RR-2 zoning districts, and to adopt other zoning ordinance amendments, subdivision ordinance amendments, and comprehensive plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, these ordinance amendments are intended to restore and replace the portions of the AR-1 and AR-2 zoning districts stricken as a result of the litigation challenging the January 6, 2003, adoption of a new, comprehensive zoning map for Loudoun County, with such revisions as deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed these amendments as drafted by its staff and its Zoning Ordinance Review Committee, along with recommendations by the Rural Economic Development Commission and the Loudoun Convention & Visitors Association, in worksessions conducted on December 1, December 6, December 7 and December 10, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to refer the amendments and remapping to the Planning Commission and establish a schedule for consideration and adoption; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Reaffirms its intent to amend the Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance and Map as stated in its November 17, 2005 Resolution, which is incorporated by reference.
2. Directs the staff to revise the draft amendments as identified at the Board's worksessions on December 6 and December 10, 2005, along with such other editorial and conforming changes as appropriate.
3. Refers these amendments, as revised, and the mapping of the AR-1 and AR-2 districts as described in the November 17, 2005 Resolution, to the Planning Commission for notice and hearing;
4. Directs the Planning Commission to conduct its public hearing in accordance with the state law and local ordinance and to make its recommendation on the amendments and mapping of the districts to the Board of Supervisors by March 6, 2006; and
5. Includes as part of this action the amendments to the Facilities Standards Manual presented by the staff, subject to the same direction; and

6. Restates that the initiation and referral of these amendments is for the purpose of promoting the public necessity, convenience and general welfare, and good zoning practice; furthers the purposes of zoning as set forth in Va. Code § 15.2-2283; will implement the comprehensive plan; and will restore the comprehensive zoning map for the County.

Adopted this 10th day of December, 2005.

Voting in favor: Supervisors Burton, Kurtz, Tulloch, Waters and York

Voting against: Supervisors Delgaudio, Snow and Staton

Abstaining: None

Absent for the vote: Supervisor Clem

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I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution referring the Rural Zoning amendments to the Planning Commission, to include March 6, 2006, as the date for the Planning Commission to make its recommendation to the Board.